

CONFIDENTIAL

Journal - Office of Legislative Counsel
Wednesday - 18 July 1973

Page 2

3. (Internal Use Only - JMM) Met with Chairman Hebert, House Armed Services Committee, and told him of my concern about the kind of press play the Agency was getting in connection with Watergate and our hope that some of the information or conclusions developed during the Nedzi Subcommittee hearings on the subject could be made public to set the record straight. Hebert said he fully appreciated the problem and would discuss it with Nedzi. He said he would insist the full transcript of the hearings not be made public but that the Committee report make clear that the Agency was free of any improper or illegal involvement in the matter.

4. (Confidential - JMM) Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, and Jim Woolsey, General, Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and reviewed plans for the Friday appearance before the Committee of witnesses critical over Mr. Colby's role in the Phoenix program. The witnesses now scheduled to appear are: David Harrington, K. Barton Osborn, Mr. Paul Sakwa, Representative Robert Drinan and Mr. Sam Adams. I told Braswell and Woolsey of our hope that Colby could appear on the same day as the critics since otherwise I was sure the testimony of the critics would major press play and Colby's rebuttal next week would be virtually ignored. They recommended against Colby's presence during the testimony of the other witnesses but said they would defer to Senator Symington as to whether Colby could be called Friday afternoon immediately following the other witnesses. Woolsey gave me a copy of a letter Representative Drinan had written to Symington containing various allegations concerning Colby's assignment in Southeast Asia.

25X1C 5. (Confidential - JGO) In response to his call I met with Paul Goulding, Executive Assistant to Senator Claiborne Pell (D., R.I.). Goulding told me that Senator Pell had a report from a highly respected constituent

[REDACTED]

I told Goulding that I doubted if there was any substance to the report but that I would pass the question. [REDACTED] WH Division, has been advised.

Goulding told me also that David McKillop, Special Consultant to the Senator, is working with Pell and committee people drafting a proposal for a Joint Oversight Committee of the intelligence community. He invited me to drop by later in the week or next week to meet McKillop and possibly chat with him on the proposal.

25X1A

CONFIDENTIAL